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PETER PARKER: THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

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"WHEN I WAS A KID, MY PARENTS DIED.

"FOR A LONG TIME IT FELT LIKE I COULDN'T BREATHE, LIKE I WAS TRAPPED UNDERGROUND.

"MY AUNT AND UNCLE TOOK ME IN AND SLOWLY BUT SURELY PULLED ME OUT OF IT.

"THEN, AT THE HEIGHT OF MY AWKWARD TEEN YEARS, SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPENED. LIFE CHANGING.

"I WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER. AND DIDN'T DIE.

"I MADE ***MONEY***. WRESTLING, OF ALL THINGS. A MASKED KID TAKING ON ANYONE WHO CAME AT ME.

"I WAS SELFISH, ANGRY AT THE WORLD. AFTER ALL I'D BEEN THROUGH, IT ***OWED*** ME SOMETHING FOR ONCE. AND I WAS ALL TOO EAGER TO COLLECT.

"I DIDN'T CARE THAT SOME RANDOM JOE ROBBED MY WRESTLING PROMOTER. IT WASN'T ***MY*** JOB TO STOP HIM.

"HE WAS LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE, AND SO WAS I.

"BUT LATER THAT NIGHT, I CAME HOME AND MY UNCLE BEN...

"...MY UNCLE BEN WAS DEAD. SHOT BY A HOME INVADER.

"OH! BEFORE I GO ON, I LEFT OUT A ***REALLY IMPORTANT PART***-- THAT SPIDER BITE GAVE ME ***POWERS!*** STRENGTH, AGILITY, STICKINESS, A WEIRD E.S.P. DANGER SEN--"

"OH, FOR--"

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--WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME YOUR ORIGIN *AGAIN?!* THIS IS, LIKE, THE *MILLIONTH* TIME I'VE HEARD IT! YOU DON'T HEAR ME GOING ON ABOUT GETTING MY POWERS FROM MY *COOL ROCKET ADVENTURE,* WHICH IS 1,000% MORE EXCITING!

HEY! IT'S AN *INTEGRAL* PART OF WHO I AM! AND I WAS JUST BUILDING UP TO MY GREATEST LESSON--*WITH GREAT POWER MUST COME--*

--GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!

"--GREAT *BENEFITS,*" YEAH, YEAH...

I'M JUST *SAYING,* MY *GREAT POWER* HAS INCREASED A LOT IN THE PAST YEAR--

I DON'T CARE.*

*DO YOU? THEN CHECK OUT *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN,* OUR SCRAPPY LITTLE SIBLING TITLE! --CHIP!

IT ALL MEANS MY *GREAT RESPONSIBILITY* HAS SHOT UP AS WELL!

I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR *ME* ANYMORE, Y'KNOW? FOR THE LITTLE THINGS, LIKE STOPPING ROBBERS WHO END UP KILLING UNCLES!

SLRP

I'M JUST SAYING, IT'S *NICE* HAVING THESE LUNCH BREAKS WITH *JOHNNY STORM!* JUST ME RELATING TO COMMON PEOPLE AGAIN. COMMON PEOPLE WHO BURST INTO FLAME, YET COMMON NONETHELESS.

VERY COMMON.

WOW. THANKS.

I TOTALLY HATE HOW WELL YOU'RE DOING. EVEN YOUR DORKY COSTUME IS COOLER NOW.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MY SUPER-GENIUS-NESS?

YOU USED TO BE IN THE *FANTASTIC FOUR!* WHY DIDN'T *MR. FANTASTIC* EVER GIVE YOU COOL GADGETS FOR *YOUR* COSTUME BACK IN THE DAY?

UM, I'M THE *HUMAN TORCH!* I'M AWESOME AS IS! YOU *NEED* TECH TO SHOOT WEBS AND JUNK.

WHAT ELSE WOULD I EVEN *NEED?*

UH, I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE A TINY FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

I'M *PRETTY* SURE I REMEMBER YOU BURNING DOWN A BAR ONCE*--

ONCE! *FULLY INSURED!*

*IN *DAREDEVIL VOL. 1, #261* --DEEP-CUT CHIP!

LOVE YA, YOU DESTRUCTIVE DUMMY. I GOTTA JET.

UGH. STILL UP FOR A MOVIE TONIGHT?

FOR SURE! BUT *NO* SUPER HERO MOVIES! I NEED *ESCAPISM,* MAN. PLUS, THEY'RE *SO* UNREALISTIC.

THANKS FOR THE SHAWARMA. MEET YOU AT YOUR PLACE AT 7:30! *DON'T FORGET!*

I PROBABLY WON'T!

MAN, *THIS* IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT! NO MEETINGS, NO KILLER ROBOTS. JUST A YOUNG(ISH) MAN, ONLY SLIGHTLY TERRORIZING THE CITY HE LOVES WITH GRACE AND BEAUTY FROM ABOVE...

♫♫PRETTY WOMANNN STOP A WHILE PRETTY WOMANNN TALK AWHILE--♫♫

BEEP

HEY, HEY, MY FAVORITE AUNT NAMED MAY! WHAT'S GOING ON, GORGEOUS?

OH, NOT MUCH. JUST... JUST KEEPING BUSY...

AW, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SOUND SO FLIP. I KNOW IT'S BEEN ROUGH FOR YOU...*

YES, WELL, YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON THE ONES YOU LOVE WHILE YOU HAVE THEM...

SPEAKING OF, ARE YOU FREE FOR DINNER TONIGHT, DEAR?

*MAY'S HUSBAND, JAY JAMESON DIED IN *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #19*. THIS TIME IT WASN'T PETER'S FAULT! -CHIP!

OH, *MAN*, I'D LOVE SOME OF YOUR FAMOUS MEATCAKES,* BUT I'M MEETING A FRIEND TONIGHT TO SEE A MOVIE!

A... "FRIEND"? A YOUNG LADY, PERHAPS?

NO.

ARE YOU SURE...

YES.

WHAT HAVE WE *HERE?*

*MEATLOAF SHAPED LIKE A CAKE. -CHIP!

I JUST WORRY ABOUT YOU, PETER. HAVE YOU TRIED *TINDRO?* I'VE HEARD THAT'S A GREAT "APP" FOR MINGLING; FOR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS OR EVEN CASU--

AH! AN OLD MAN JUST FELL DOWN! I THINK HE BROKE A BUNCH OF HIPS! GOTTA HELP HIM! TALK TO YOU LATER ABOUT DATING IN THESE MODERN TIMES, AUNT MAY!

BUT--

BEEP

NOW *THIS* IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

WHA--

THWIP!

A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED ROBBERY! A TERRIBLE EVENT ULTIMATELY ROOTED IN DIRE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES, YET I STILL MUST--

HAI-YA!

WOK!

SO, ARE YOU ALSO FUNNY IN *APPROPRIATE* SITUATIONS?

SILENCE, ATTRACTIVE CITIZEN! I'M ABOUT TO *DAZZLE* THE CROWD WITH ONE OF MY *FANCY, NEW* WEB CARTRIDGES--

--THE *WEB FOAMMMMM* UHHHH...

SPL SPURT!

HA! BIG SHOT SUPER HERO! SOON TO BE BIG SHOT SUPER-*DEAD*--

THOK!

--NNF!

OH MY GOD CAN I KNOCK PEOPLE OUT WITH MY MIND?

CAN SPIDERS KNOCK THINGS OUT WITH THEIR MINDS?

UH, THANKS FOR THE SAVE. HOW DID YOU--

MY MIND. NOW I HAVE EVEN MORE POWER.

NO, NO...

AH!!

NF!

YOU HAVE ANTS.

OR, UH, ANT.

OH--HA. UH, HEY, ANT-MAN. THANKS FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE SITUATION THAT I TOTALLY HAD UNDER CONTROL.

SURE, SURE, YOU'RE THE BEST, SPIDER-MAN.

THWIP!

UH, LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE "ANT-MAN" AND ALL, BUT YOU SEEM...SHORTER THAN USUAL.

YEAH, I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SOMEONE NAMED ORKA AND MY SIZE-CHANGING HELMET TOOK SOME DAMAGE. FOR SOME REASON THIS IS AS TALL AS I GET, NOW.

BUMMER. I ONCE GOT STUCK WITH SIX ARMS.*

WANT ME TO TAKE A LOOK?

*AMAZING SPIDERMAN VOL. 1, #100! INTERESTING FACT: FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARIES THE GIFT IS ARMS. -CHIP!

BWA-HA-HA!

HEY! I'M-- I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M A VERY SMART TECH GUY! *VERY* SMART!

YOUR "TECH" JUST SPURTED ALL OVER THE STREET.

WOW. SERVES ME RIGHT FOR *SAVING LIVES.*

HM. THIS GUY'S PHONE...

...IT'S AN OLD *STARK PHONE.* THESE THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO HACK, BUT THERE'S A NEW OPERATING SYSTEM ON THIS. THAT'S... SUPER WEIRD.

"HACK"? "OPERATING SYSTEM"? WOW, *YOU ARE* A TECH GUY!

SOMETHING TO INVESTIGATE LATER...

TWIP THWIP

HUH.

LOOK, MY FASHION SENSE *IS* TINGLING, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY POCKETS IN THIS THING!

YOU KNOW WHO *ELSE* DIDN'T HAVE ANY POCKETS? PRINCE. *THE PURPLE ONE.* EVERYONE CARRIED STUFF FOR HIM! NOBODY WANTS TO CARRY STUFF FOR ME!

DID YOU...

DID YOU JUST COMPARE YOURSELF TO *PRINCE?*

I--IN POCKETS ONLY! IN *POCKETS ONLY!*

OKAY. 'CAUSE I WAS *JUST* ABOUT TO ASK YOU OUT.

...WHAT?

SORRY, *UH*, FIRST OF ALL--MY NAME'S *REBECCA.*

AND BESIDES THE GUY WHO JUST *ROBBED* ME, YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I'VE MET SINCE GETTING TO THE CITY. YOU'RE FUNNY, AND I CAN *IMAGINE* YOU'RE CUTE, WHICH IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

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SO... YEAH. COFFEE SOMETIME?

FIP!

WHY DID YOU--

I THOUGHT YOU WERE--YOU KNOW--STICKY! YOU STICK TO--

NOT *ALL* THE TIME!

SO...YEAH. I'LL *UH*...BACK AWAY NOW AND TRY NOT TO DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT. COPS'RE HERE AND I'VE GOT A *LOT* OF NEW MATERIAL TO SHARE WITH THEM.

...BYE.

BUS STOP

DID SHE JUST ASK YOU OUT?

I...I THINK SO?

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY MARRY HER.

HEY, CAN I GET A LIFT? I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE MASON TO GET THIS FIXED.

SURE, SURE, NO PROBLEM. WHO'S *MASON* AND WHERE SHOULD I GO?

WAIT, YOU *DON'T* KNOW WHO *THE MASON* IS? HE'S IN THE PENTHOUSE AT MADISON AND EAST 82ND!

...SHOULD I KNOW HIM?

HE'S A *GENIUS* INVENTOR! WORKED FOR, LIKE, NASA, TONS OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED COMPANIES. HE DOES TECH FOR SUPER HEROES NOW!

EVERYONE USES HIM AT SOME POINT! *HAWKEYE* FOR HIS ARROWS, *DAREDEVIL* FOR HIS WEIRD STICKS, EVEN *IRON MAN* WOULD GO TO HIM FOR THINGS HE COULDN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT!

NO ONE EVER TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM?

I, UH, GUESS EVERYONE THOUGHT I WAS...TOO...*SMART* TO NEED HIM?

YEAH, *TONY STARK* THOUGHT YOU WERE SMARTER THAN HIM. SURE.

I... MAYBE THEY THOUGHT I ALREADY KNEW--

I DON'T REALLY KNOW *THIS* ANT-MAN THAT WELL, BUT MY SPIDEY-SENSE ISN'T TINGLING...

ALL RIGHT! FOLLOW ME! I'M SURE IT'LL BE COOL I BROUGHT YOU ALONG.

...COOL.

COOL COOL.

COOOOOOL.

...COOL COOL.

COOL COOL COOL.

WHOOOSH

OH, HEY! SCOTT! SPIDEY! I WAS JUST ON MY WAY OUT. WHAT'S GOING ON?

SEE? COOL.

HELMET TROUBLES. NOT QUITE GETTING THE GROWTH SPURT I'M USED TO.

GOTCHA. JUST GOT MY WINGS FIXED UP. KEPT VEERING LEFT.

HEY! THANKS AGAIN, MASON! WORKS LIKE A CHARM!

MY PLEASURE, SAMUEL. GIVE MY REGARDS TO REDWING. NOW THEN...

...SCOTT! WHAT HAVE YOU--?!

OH, UH, I...BROUGHT A FRIEND?

THERE'S... THERE'RE *PROTOCOLS*, SCOTT! I NEED TO PROTECT MY LAB FROM--

--FROM... SPIDER-MEN?

FROM MY...FROM MY BROTHER...

LET ME GUESS... EVIL *BROTHER?* IT'S WHY I NEVER BOTHERED WITH SIBLINGS.

BZZZZZ

HM... DETECTABLE FRICTION ABILITIES... STRENGTH...YOU DO *SEEM* TO BE SPIDER-MAN...

WHICH MEANS YOU'RE ACTUALLY FAMILIAR WITH MY AFOREMENTIONED BROTHER, *PHINEAS,* WHOM YOU KNOW BETTER AS...

...THE TINKERER.

WHOA, *SERIOUSLY?* THAT GUY'S BEEN A *PAIN* IN MY SIDE FOR *YEARS!* HE'S HELPED OUTFIT *MYSTERIO, SCORPION, BEETLE, HOBGOBLIN,* YOU NAME IT! HE PROBABLY DESIGNED THE *COMPUTER* THE I.R.S. USED TO AUDIT ME!

I...I IGNORED HIS ACTIVITIES FOR SO LONG, FOCUSED ON MY *OWN* CAREER, SELFISHLY. THEN, A FEW YEARS AGO, I EXPERIENCED HIS "TINKERING" FIRSTHAND.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE CITY, SHATTERED BY AN ATTACK FROM *THE SCORPION*, AIDED BY MY BROTHER'S INVENTIONS. I LOOKED AROUND AT THE WRECKAGE, THE HURT CITIZENS, AND I REALIZED I DID NOTHING TO STOP IT.

I HAD USED MY INVENTIONS TO GET RICH, NOTHING MORE.

I HAD THIS *GREAT POWER* AND I...I JUST LET MY...

TRUST ME, I UNDERSTAND THIS ALL *TOO WELL*. I'M GLAD YOU--

FINISHED BUILDING THE PIECES, MASON! WHERE WOULD--

UATU? WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

SPIDEY! I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THE MOVE TO SAN FRAN WITH MAX AND HORIZON! AND MASON NEEDED HELP!

THERE'S BEEN A CRAZY UPTICK THIS PAST YEAR FOR HERO TECH WORK, AND WHEN THE GREAT *HOPHNI MASON* PUTS OUT A CALL FOR HELP...

YOU'VE BEEN *INVALUABLE, MR. JACKSON*. I ONLY HOPE YOU'LL BE DOING THIS FOR HEROES AFTER I'M GONE--

ARE YOU *LEAVING ME YOUR LAB IN YOUR WILL?*

I WAS THINKING MORE OF A VACATION...

SO, MASON'S BROTHER IS, WHAT, YOUR *ARCHENEMY?*

I WOULDN'T SAY *ARCH*, BUT HE'S ONE OF MY *FIRST.*

HE'S ON THE *TOP* OF MY "THWIP-LIST" TO BE HONEST.

MAN...

...YOU'RE THE ONLY GUY I KNOW TO HAVE SO MANY SENIOR CITIZEN ENEMIES.

THEY'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO BUY ME OFF WITH THEIR DEEP DISCOUNTS AND DUSTY COOKIES!

HEYYY... WAIT A SECOND. AM I...A LITTLE BIT TALLER?

I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF RESETTING YOUR "NORMAL HEIGHT" TO AN INCH TALLER. I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T MIND.

AMAZING. WHY DIDN'T I EVER THINK OF THAT?

AND WHILE I HAVE YOU, SPIDER-MAN...

...UHHHH...

...I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE ON SOME RECENT NEWS FOOTAGE, YOUR... EXPULSIONS?...

YES.

--HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING QUITE PROPERLY. MAY I?

YES.

FASCINATING WORK HERE. THESE SPINNERETS ARE GENIUS...

THANKS. NBD.

HEY, WHILE *GOOD TINKERER* IS COMPLIMENTING ME...UATU? FOUND A HACKED *STARK PHONE* PHONE AT THE SCENE OF A CRIME (WHERE I ARRIVED JUST IN TIME)--

WAIT, THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE.* THESE PHONES ARE IMPENETRABLE!

I KNOW, RIGHT? I'D REEEEEALLY LOVE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY MORE OUT THERE...

ON IT.

AAAAAAND... DONE! IT LOOKS LIKE THE CHEMICALS YOU'VE USED FOR YOUR RECENT "FOAM SETTING" ARE AFFECTING THE MATERIALS YOU'VE USED FOR THE CHAMBER. I GAVE IT A CLEAR COATING SO IT SHOULD WORK FINE NOW!

HUH.

IT SHOULD MAKE ALL YOUR WEB-FIRING A LITTLE SMOOTHER. HERE, LET'S SEE IF IT WORKS IN MY *TEST AREA!*

ALL RIGHT, BUT I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S THE PR--

RESHUFFLE

RESHUFFLE

--OBLEM.

WELL THEN.

DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF! I'M SURE YOU'D HAVE FIGURED IT OUT WHEN YOU GOT TO BE MY AGE.

FOUND SOMETHING!

UATU JACKSON! YOU'RE THE BEST!

YEAH, WELL, DON'T THANK ME YET...

...I COULD ONLY FIND *ONE* HACKED *STARK PHONE.* I CAN'T EVEN DETECT THE ONE WE'VE *GOT!* SO I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH IT'LL HELP YOU...

IS THAT...?

YUP. M.I.T. CAMBRIDGE. THE HACK ORIGINATED FROM THERE, BUT THE PHONE'S SINCE MOVED TO *CHICAGO.*

HMMM. GUESS I BETTER CASH IN MY AIR MILES...

YOU NEED BACKUP FOR THIS?

NAH. DOUBT IT'S EVEN CONNECTED.

PROBABLY JUST SOME PROFESSOR SCREWING AROUND ON THEIR OFF HOURS. BUT I STILLLLLL GOTTA CHECK IT OUT BECAUSE OF MY GREAT RESPONSIBILITYYYY. *SIGHHH*

...

I SAID--

SIGHHHH

O'Hare International Airport, Chicago.

Five hours later.

MAN, A NICE LITTLE LOW-STRESS *TECH MYSTERY* IS JUST WHAT THE NON-OCTOPUS DOCTOR ORDERED!

MAYBE THE PHONE IS SOME PROF MAKING EXTRA MONEY ON THE SIDE, DEALING WITH CRIMINALS LIKE A REALLY BORING BREAKING BAD, MAKING HACKED PHONES "*HACKING BAD*"?

NO, WAIT! "*BETTER CALLS SAUL*" NAILED IT, PARKER

UGHHH. SPEAKING OF CALLS

IT'S ALMOST BEEN EIGHT HOURS SINCE *REBECCA* GAVE ME HER NUMBER. I'M SO BAD AT THIS! HAS TOO MUCH TIME PASSED FOR ME TO CALL? NOT ENOUGH?*

Terminals
Concourse
Gates C1-

*NOT ENOUGH. -CHIP!

PROBABLY *TOO MUCH*. I BETTER CALL INSTEAD OF TEXT.**

UH, HELLO? IS THIS REBECCA?

THAT'S ME. AND YOU ARRRRE...

**ALWAYS TEXT. -CHIP!

**DEF TEXT. -ADAM!

IT'S ME, UH... SPIDER-MAN.

I KNOW. I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOU SAY IT LIKE IT'S A REAL NAME.

LOOK, I KNOW I PROBABLY CAME ON TOO STRONG TODAY--I MEAN, NOT AS STRONG AS CALLING ME *HOURS LATER*--BUT STILL.

WHAT'S YOUR, UH, SPIDER-SCHEDULE LIKE? I'VE GOT SETS EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK, SO I COULD GET COFFEE DURING THE DAY...

SETS? ARE YOU A MUSICIAN, OR--

STAND-UP COMEDIAN, ACTUALLY. *MUCH* MORE SECURE THAN "MUSICIAN."

DEFINITELY MORE THAN "SUPER HERO." HOW ABOUT TOMORROW AT THREE? THE COFFEE BEAN NEAR EMPIRE STATE U?

YES! PERFECT. DON'T STAND ME UP FIGHTING DOGTOPUS OR WHATEVER.

WAIT...DO YOU MEAN... *DOCTOR OCTOPUS*?

OH! THAT MAKES MORE SENSE. HE DOES KIND OF LOOK LIKE A DOG, THOUGH...

ALL RIGHT, AND I *WON'T* STAND YOU UP. I *NEVER* FORGET A DATE!

Manhattan.
7:39 P.M.
502
502
502
HEY, AREN'T YOU--
NO.
502
502
502

GETTING CLOSE TO THE PHONE'S LAST LOCATION. THIS COULD BE A PROFESSOR OR A CRIMINAL THEY SOLD THE PHONE TO, SO...

...MY BEST BET IS TO PLAY *BAD SPIDEY* INSTEAD OF *GOOD PETER* HERE

BIRTHDAY PARTY APPEARANCE. BIG BUCKS.

AS YOU WERE.

KNOCK KNOCK

HMM. *LOOKS* LIKE SOMEONE'S HOME BUT NOT ANSWERING. TIME TO USE MY SPIDER-VOICE.

YES, IT'S THE WORLD-FAMOUS *SPIDER-MAN!*

BUT I JUST WANT TO *TALK*, AND, *SURE--*

--MAYBE ARREST YOU! BUT PROBABLY NOT!

"PROBABLY" NOT?

WHOA! SPIDER-SENSE KICKING IN! WHAT--

SFWAA

NGH!

DEFINITELY NOT.

SURE, SURE, LIFE IS A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS...

UNBELIEVABLE. OF COURSE HE'S NOT CHECKING HIS PHONE! STUPID PARKER--

EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU--

I'M--

--WHY YES, I AM JOHNNY STORM. AND YES, I AM SUDDENLY FREE TONIGHT.

AND YOU ARE...

UH, I WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO ASK IF YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT PETER PARKER.

MY NAME'S TERESA...

...I'M HIS SISTER.

WAIT, WHAT?

NEXT ISSUE: WAIT, WHAT?

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST-EVER SPIDER-MAN STORY!

Um…

Ah, yes. Overshot a little there. Welcome to the new PETER PARKER: THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN series!

Why does this book exist? Don't you already have a Spider-Man book?

You're QUITE astute. We do have AMAZING SPIDER-MAN and it lives up to its name with an epic story that has been building for several years! So with a certain movie coming out next month and a new animated series later this year, we in the comics world wanted to make sure that newly excited Spider-Fans had a super-easy landing pad. Plus, Chip and Adam secretly met one year ago today in Greenland and made a blood-pact with a pan-dimensional warlock to create a new Spider-Book.

That's…odd.

You're telling me. They're *freaks!*

What do you guys have planned?

SO MUCH! Peter Parker has a sister? What is she doing here? What's up with that Stark phone? And what does it have to do with every single hero in the Marvel Universe?! Chip and Adam have so much planned for all of you and we're super excited to have you on board. In fact, enjoy a special story that will deepen this mystery!

Okay!

-Nick
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New York City.

GERRY! THE CAR IS *AROUND THE CORNER!* WHY DO WE HAVE TO *CUT* THROUGH AN *ALLEY?!*

DAMMIT, MANDY! THE PHONE IS TELLING ME TO GO *THIS* WAY!

POW
POW

YOU'RE THE ONE ALWAYS TELLING ME I NEED TO *TRUST* MORE!

SPLAT
POW

TRUST *PEOPLE!* TRUST *ME!* NOT SOME STUPID *APP!*

YOU'RE GOING TO GET US *KILLED--*

WELL, *ONLY* IF...

...YOU DON'T DO AS I SAY.

AHHH!!!

WH- WHO--WHO *ARE--*

POW
ZAP
POW

THE NAME'S *MINDBENDER,* AND IF YOU DON'T HAND OVER ALL YOUR VALUABLES, I'LL TURN YOUR BRAINS... INTO *SOUP!*

JUST *SHUT UP* AND KEEP IT COM...

...ING...

AH, #@$%.

OKAY, SO, A THING ABOUT ME?

OKAY! OKAY! MY BANK CARD'S CODE IS 5-5-9-2--

GERRY! HE DIDN'T ASK FOR--

...I HAVE A POWER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! *VERY* HANDY! TINGLES IN MY NOGGIN TO WARN ME OF *DANGER!*

OH GOD OH GOD SPIDER-MAN I DIDN'T I WASN'T--

BUT THE *FUNNY* THING IS, RIGHT NOW I HAVE SOMETHING I'VE NEVER *HAD* BEFORE! IT'S LIKE--LIKE-- LIKE A *REVERSE-SPIDER-SENSE!*

MY *NOGGIN* IS *REWARDING* ME WITH SOOTHING, WARM KISSES FOR BEING SO *COMPLETELY SAFE!*

I JUST THOUGHT... I JUST...

GUYS, THE ONLY THING THIS MORON COULD TURN INTO SOUP IS WATER AND KETCHUP PACKS, BUT HE'D *STILL* NEED TO BE REMINDED TO GET THE KETCHUP *OUT* OF THE PACKS FIRST.

POW THWIP THWIP

I JUST FOUND A MASK AND HAD SOME GLUE AND AND...

WAIT, "THWIP"? IS THAT...

IT'S *IRON MAN 7: SECRET ARMOR WARS.* SPIDER-MAN IS AN NPC.

THWIP POW

÷SNIFF SNIFF÷ HELP ME, IRON MAN! HELP ME!

...AM I *CRYING?...*

UHHHH--

NNF!

WHOA! WHAT--

EVERYBODY RUN FOR COVER!

WHO WOULD--

THWIP

HEY! LEE HARVEY OSBORN! WHAT'S THE--

--DEAL?

SPIDER-SENSE AGAIN, I--

--BLACK WIDOW??

BLAM BLAM BLAM

WHAT THE *HECK?!* HAVE YOU *LOST IT?*

THWIP

GOTTA BE ***MIND CONTROL!*** LIKE, ***DEEP MIND CONTROL,*** 'CAUSE THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D EVER HURT A MUTUAL SPIDER-THEMED HERO!

COME ***ON,*** YOU CAN'T THINK YOU'LL BEAT A GUY WITH--

--THE PROPORTIONAL FIGHTING ABILITY OF A SPIDER--

TAK

--DO Y--

--IKES! MAYBE YOU'RE SOME ALTERNATE UNIVERSE BLACK WIDOW WHO LACKS SUBTLETY?

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

MAN, TARGET-LOCKING, SWIVEL-MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS, EH?

BET THEY DON'T WORK TOO WELL...

...IF THEY CAN'T SEE THEIR TARGET!

SLAM!

YOU KNOW, IF THIS DOESN'T END WITH YOU LEADING ME INTO A *SURPRISE PARTY*, I'M GONNA BE *SO MAD*.

COME ON! LET ME JUST WEB YOU UP AND THEN I CAN TAKE YOU TO A SPECIALIST!

SOMEONE WHO CAN TURN YOU BACK INTO A *NORMAL* ASSASSIN SLASH SPY SLASH SUPER HERO!

WIDOW!

THIS IS NUTS! LET'S JUST TALK AND--

--WHAT ARE--

AHHH!

YOU--YOU *BLINDED* ME! THIS IS--THIS IS *WILDLY* UNFAIR!

WHOA! BUT BLIND OR *NOT*, I STILL GOT MY *SPIDER-SENSE*, LADY!

NOPE!

FORGET IT!

AIN'T GONNA-- HNH!

L-LOOK, WIDOW. YOU'RE PLAYING DIRTY AND I *RESPECT THAT.* BUT WOULDN'T IT BE MORE...MORE *SATISFYING* TO KILL A 20/20 SPIDER-MAN?

...WIDOW?

...I CAN FINALLY MAKE OUT SHAPES. THERE'S NO STOPPING ME NOW...

...WIDOW?

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT?

AGENT MINTZ.

WIDOW. DID WE GET WHAT WE NEEDED?

WHAT *YOU* NEEDED.

AND YES. MANAGED TO TEST A VARIETY OF CONDITIONS FOR HIS "DANGER-SENSE." LONG-RANGE, AUTOMATED, DEPRIVED OF OTHER SENSES. IT'S ALL HERE.

NOW, NOW, *WIDOW*...

...YOU SHOULD BE *HAPPY!* IMAGINE THE LIVES WE'LL SAVE! S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS IN THE FIELD, SENSING DANGER! I CAN THINK OF NO GREATER REASON TO--

ATTACK A FRIEND? WITHOUT TELLING HIM WHY?

YOU KNOW YOU COULDN'T WARN HIM. AND *SPIDER-MAN* IS NOT SOMEONE WHO'D BE WILLINGLY OBSERVED AND PRODDED BY US.

YOU WERE THE PERFECT CHOICE FOR THIS, *WIDOW*. YOU KNOW HIM, HIS MOVES. AND YOU DON'T PULL PUNCHES.

A FACT YOU WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER...

...IF YOU ABUSE THIS INFORMATION IN ANY WAY. YOU *OR* YOUR GREY BLADE CRONIES.

GOOD NIGHT, AGENT MINTZ.

GOOD NIGHT, WIDOW.

AND GOOD LUCK.

END!

DON'T MISS

PETER PARKER: THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #2

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